



NEWS RELEASE

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The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Wednesday, April 22, 2020

The Woodlands Township Board of Directors to Hold Videoconference Meeting

The Woodlands Township Board of Directors will hold a Regular Board of Directors Meeting via videoconference today, Wednesday, April 22, 2020 with a scheduled time to begin at 6 p.m. Central Daylight Time. The meeting can be viewed online at <http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/778/Meeting-Videos>.

Participation by members of the public in open meetings of the Board of Directors is welcomed and encouraged, he said. A “public comment” agenda item is included at the beginning of all regular Board meeting agendas. During the April 22, 2020, videoconference Board meeting, members of the public may provide public comment by calling 877-853-5247 (toll-free), then enter ID 970 0438 8500 #. Calls will be taken in the order the calls are received and only during the “public comment” agenda item. This phone number is active only for the April 22, 2020 Board meeting. New phone numbers will be issued for each future meeting during the public health pandemic emergency.

Help Our Heroes, Thursday, April 23, 2020



Help Our Heroes expands to aid healthcare workers

Earlier this month, The Woodlands Township launched the Help Our Heroes campaign to collect crucial Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) supplies for local first responders and hospitals. As of Thursday, April 23, 2020, this program is expanding to help our heroes personally as well as professionally.

Many times, because of shift work, first responders and healthcare professionals cannot get to the store to buy supplies for their homes and families, and The Woodlands Township has incorporated a program called “Adopt a Healthcare Worker” program to provide those supplies.

The collection will be made in conjunction with the Help Our Heroes campaign, every Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Central Fire Station, 9951 Grogan’s Mill Road, The



Woodlands, TX 77380. Donations will be accepted over the next three collection dates of Thursday, April 23, 2020; Monday, April 27, 2020; and Thursday, April 30, 2020, when both programs conclude.

The collection effort is led by Township Director Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, who is serving as Public Health Liaison for The Woodlands Township Board of Directors.

“The Township is very grateful for the donations we have received so far,” said Dr. Sekula-Gibbs. “We so appreciate the residents and businesses who have donated, and we have found that there are additional needs for our first responders and healthcare workers in their personal lives. This new collection for Adopt a Healthcare Worker is an extension of Help Our Heroes program.”

For the new Adopt a Healthcare Worker collection, items needed include bottled water/bottled sports energy drink, nonperishable snacks, Emergen-C or Vitamin C tablets, travel-size toiletries, bathroom tissue, paper towels, disinfectant supplies, and hand-written notes of encouragement.

Please visit Help Our Heroes website at <https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/1489/HELP-OUR-HEROES>



Help Our Heroes is now collecting needed supplies for first responders, hospitals and healthcare workers. Pictured above, Driver Operator Justin Hill, Firefighter Joey Spitzenberger, Firefighter Thomas Matthews, Sofia Guiot, Township Director Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, Emiliano Plaza, Laura Plaza, Santiago Plaza and Sebastian Plaza.

A steady flow of items have been donated to the Central Fire Station. Over 92 groups have donated to the project since its inception on April 6, 2020. Please consider donating materials if you have them on-hand. Your help is greatly appreciated! Collection Days and Locations are Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Central Fire Station, located at 9951 Grogan’s Mill Rd., The Woodlands, TX 77380. Please email pbuck@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov if you can help.



- **Supplies Needed:**

Isolation gowns

Gloves

Masks – N95s, surgical, procedure, etc.

Hair Covers

Full Face Shields

PAPR Hoods – Typically only used when doing an aerosolizing procedure.

Eyewear – Face shields, reusable goggles or disposable glasses

Boot Covers / Shoe Covers

Germicidal Wipes

Disinfectant Spray / Paper Towels

Supplies donated to date (as of April 22, 2020)

- Shoe/Hair Covers 2,736
- Gloves 12,380
- Face Shields 224
- Masks (homemade, surgical, N95) 1,240
- Isolation Gowns 56
- Safety Goggles 318
- Sanitizing Wipes 24
- Sanitizer Bottles 12
- Large Liquid Soap 2
- Paper Towels 176
- Commercial Paper Towels 6,818
- Cleaners 28
- Alcohol 4
- Spray Bottles 28
- Powered Air Purifier 1
- Other 2

The Woodlands Mall Curbside Pickup Program

The Woodlands Mall has announced the introduction of its **Curbside Pickup Program**, as a result of the recent order issued by Governor Greg Abbott. Beginning Friday, April 24, 2020, tenants of the mall will be able to distribute purchases via curbside pickup. The Woodlands Mall will be open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from Noon to 6 p.m. Please note, individual retailers may observe altered schedules within these hours. A designated Curbside Pick-up area will be located in the North parking lot closest to the main entrance where signage will direct guests to park. Guests must remain in the parking lot, contact the store as instructed when making their purchase and products will be delivered by store employees to the central pickup area. More information about this program can be found on The Woodlands Mall website.



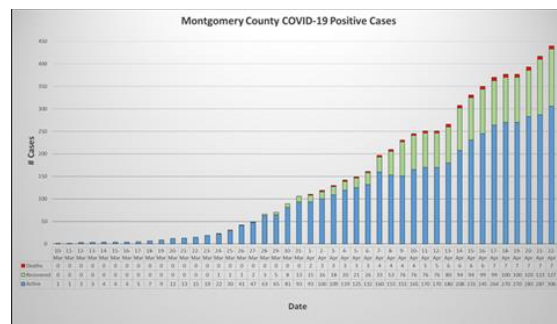
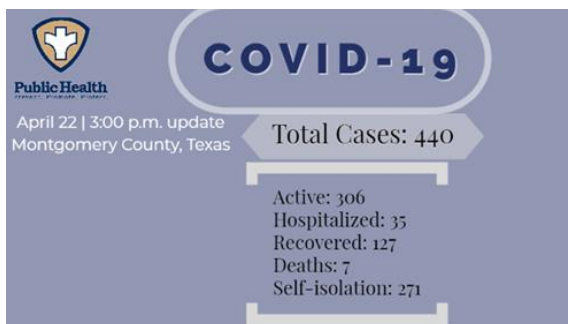
Today's County News

Montgomery County COVID-19 Case Count

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, can confirm there are now 440 total positive cases of COVID-19, up 23 cases from yesterday. No new deaths this week. The statewide stay-at-home order is still in effect.

Details on individual cases can be found here: <https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/>.

Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management updates a dashboard for the cases here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/>.



Harris County COVID-19 Case Count

As of April 22, 2020 (4:00 p.m.), Harris County Public Health (HCPH) has 41 new cases of COVID-19, which brings the total to 2,236 positive cases. HCPH is also confirming that 947 of its patients have recovered. There have been 46 total deaths of COVID-19 in Harris County. None of these numbers include the City of Houston. A full description of the numbers can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/tzymvk5>

Cases by zip code in Harris County can be found here by clicking on [areas of the map](#).

The Village of Creekside Park is located in two zip codes: 77375 and 77389 and these also include Magnolia, Augusta Pines/Auburn Lakes/West Rayford Road in northwest Harris County. Today, Harris County is reporting zip code 77375 has 34 cases and 77389 has 29 cases.

Residents of Harris County Must Wear Masks

Harris County Judge Hidalgo is issued a 30-day order starting April 27, 2020, requiring individuals over the age of 10 to wear a face covering when in public. The order will make exception for those with health or mental health issues that would be complicated by wearing a face covering and for individuals while exercising outdoors alone, eating and driving. There is a fine associated with enforcement of violating the order of up to \$1,000.

The official order has not yet been made available.

Other highlights of her announcement, which also included Mayor Turner:



Harris County

- 41 new positive COVID-19 cases
- 1 new fatality associated with COVID-19

Houston

- 27 new positive COVID-19 cases
- No new deaths. This is the third straight day that the City of Houston has reported no deaths related to COVID-19.
- Houston experienced more discharges from hospitals than those hospitalized due to COVID-19.

Montgomery County Judge Mark Keough Will Not Mandate Masks

Montgomery County Judge Mark Keough announced this afternoon that he will not be mandating the citizens of Montgomery County to wear masks while out in public.

Please continue to practice good hygiene, keeping hands clean, staying home when sick, and avoiding others who are sick and proper social distancing as recommended by the CDC. View the judge's complete statement:

<https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/10092>

State News

Texas has opened new portal, www.workintexas.com, for individuals looking for job openings.

Township News





#Township Together

The Woodlands Township would like to call on residents to share any images of inspiration with the community. Township Director John Anthony Brown introduced the concept at the last Board of Directors meeting. "We hear so much negative news that I really would like an avenue for our residents to submit their creative thoughts to The Woodlands Township," he said.

These can be a photo of something seen in the neighborhood, a family project or anything with a positive message. These will be shared through the Township email updates, social media channels and on The Woodlands Township website [here](#).



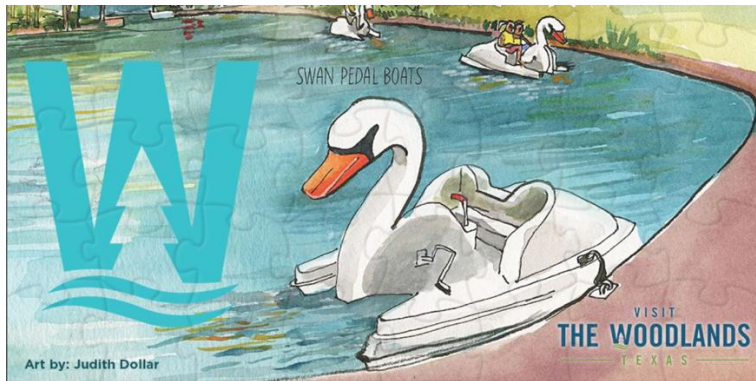
Trash and Recycling Service Update

Parking on the street is sometimes necessary, especially now that many of us are home during the day during this time. However, to ensure uninterrupted service for you and your neighbors, please avoid parking on the street on your trash day. If a service or contractor truck is due to visit your home on your trash day, please notify the company and ask that they park in your driveway or in an area where they are not obstructing passage.



Experience The Woodlands with Safe Social Distancing

Looking to try new restaurants or shops while social distancing? Save this passport to your phone and check off these "destinations" as you support dining and shopping options in The Woodlands. You can visit these destinations by making [purchases from local stores](#) and [ordering from area restaurants](#). Post your progress to encourage your friends and neighbors to participate. Snap photos of your food and purchases and be sure to share them on social media, tagging the business and using #SoWoodlands.



Virtual Puzzles from Visit The Woodlands

Visit The Woodlands has created a few [virtual puzzles](#) to help you to [pass the time](#). Take a look and challenge your friends and family to see who can get the best time! Is there a Woodlands scene that you'd like to see be made into a puzzle? [Let us know!](#)

Gardening with Children: Easy Strategies During Social Distancing

With the extra time created by social distancing, gardening is an activity that children of all ages can enjoy. Here are a few [tips to get you started with minimal supplies and minimal cost](#).



Numerous resources are available in the community for support. These vary from food banks to financial assistance and much more. Please visit the link below to find more information about resources in the community related to COVID-19:

<http://thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/1491/Community-Resources>.



Mobile Market Food Drive at the YMCA

The Woodlands Family YMCA will host a mobile market in the Shadowbend YMCA parking lot, 6145 Shadowbend Place, on Saturday, April 25, 2020, from 10 a.m. to noon. Boxes of food will be loaded into patron's cars by volunteers and Y Staff. Each family will receive fresh produce, dry/canned goods, frozen meat and breads/desserts. Distribution of food will be on a first come, first serve basis with enough food to serve 200 families. Social distancing guidelines will



be strictly enforced. If you are an individual or organization that would like to partner with the Y to support these efforts, please email CommunityCare@ymcahouston.org. For more information on Montgomery County Food Bank, please visit <https://mcfoodbank.org/>.

The Township's Coronavirus page

The Woodlands Township's special COVID-19 information page can be found at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19. This page features Montgomery and Harris county Hubs, community resources and updated COVID-19 news from the Federal Government and the CDC. This page also includes the latest news from The Township, updates from partner agencies, social distancing strategies, important links, frequently asked questions, live Twitter feeds and more.

Hotlines for health questions and COVID-19

Montgomery County: 936-523-5040

Harris County: 713-634-1110

Statewide Mental Health Support Line: 833-986-1919

Free Self-Screening Tool for COVID-19

Visit the self-screening tool on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Tracking COVID-19: Local, Regionally, Nationally, Internationally

Below are the widgets for tracking COVID19.

- [Montgomery County](#)
- [Texas Counties Statewide](#)
- [Texas Department of Health and Human Services Case Counts](#)
- [Global Cases](#)

Stay Connected

Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed.



The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding the COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme.